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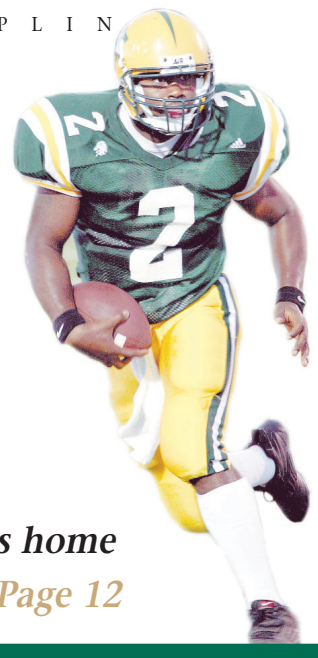

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Student computers guilty of carrying viruses

BY JESSICA MACINTOSH
Online Editor

A virus is spreading on campus, but this time, the students are not sick.

Viruses are infecting the computers in the residence halls at Missouri Southern.

Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services, said the virus problem started when students came back this fall and began hooking up to the Internet. Student computers that come into the residence halls have been isolated and hooked up to their own Internet connection from home. Students may not even know they have a virus until they hook up to the University's network.

He said the home computers were in a protected environment and were running slow enough viruses, like Slammer, that were not a problem.

"They [students] bring them into the dorms and hook them into the backbone, and the network connection is 100 megs a second," Earney said. "You're talking several hundred times faster."

Earney said out of the 400 students who have computers on campus, 40 or 50 of them were infected with a virus.

"They start sending the virus out, and it hits the backbone," Earney said. "It only takes 10 or 12 students with the virus to overload the backbone. So it overloads to the point the equipment cannot handle it."

The network would be down for several hours and then up for several hours.

"It's like a football game at a major college — everybody trying to leave the parking lot," he said. "You just can't do it."

Ashlee Schubert, sophomore nursing major, had the Blaster virus. She said she was trying to work, and her computer kept shutting down and restarting over and over.

"I don't know how I got it," she said.

Schubert said she doesn't think there is enough protection for on-campus computers but doesn't see a problem with hooking up the network.

"It's easy to access and easy to download," she said.

"There is not enough being done to prevent the spread of viruses," said Nathan Hurley, freshman French major.

"No matter how many advances we make, the virus makers will always find a way to spread what they feel is a good prank."

The original procedure was to have students deliver their personal

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Matthews receives makeover

BY MANDI STEELE
Managing Editor

The school of business has taken a step forward by dividing.

Like the other schools at Missouri Southern, the school of business is now divided into departments with a chair over each division. The change took place in July.

"This year we decided to implement a more formal departmental structure," said Dr. Brad Kleindl, dean of the school of business.

The school will now be divided with a finance/economics department headed by Dr. Richard Rawlins, a marketing/management department and an accounting department. Kleindl said this means the departments will be managed more closely by each department head to improve the quality of the department.

Dr. Brad Kleindl
Dean of the School of Business

"I think it's a good thing for the faculty and the students and the community," Kleindl said.

Dr. Mark Comstock, chair of the accounting department, approves of the school's change.

"It makes us more efficient and effective in the things we need to accomplish," he said.

Comstock has many things he's working on for the accounting department, including discussing graduate programs and changing the curriculum. He said the department needs to "be prepared" when it comes to keeping up with accounting education.

"The field of accounting is dynamic and rapidly changing," he said.

As new chair of the marketing/management department, Dr. Neal Blades said he has three objectives to attain. The first is making sure each student is getting a quality education.

"We want to be sure we're doing a really good job of teaching," he said.

Secondly, he wants more research done in the marketing division. Lastly, he wants the business faculty to be involved in services around the campus and the community.

Blades thinks the school of business should have been divided a long time ago.

"I think what we'll see is a more precise establishment of goals and objectives," he said.

GO TEAM!

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Members of the Gang Green fan club support the football team during the game against Northeastern State University Sept. 13.

Students ignore needle for $200 per month

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Coordinating Editor

With the cost of a college education on the rise, many students are turning to alternative means of making money.

Some are choosing to donate plasma, the liquid part of blood, to make ends meet.

Paul Scoggin, manager of BioLife Plasma Services in Joplin said he gets 20-30 new donors per week.

According to BioLife Plasma Services, donor reimbursement per facility averages $1-1.5 million a year.

Scoggin said the donated plasma is used to manufacture pharmaceutical products for clotting factors, burn victims, surgical patients and individuals with immune disorders. He said the company makes between 30-50 different products, most of which cannot be made synthetically.

"It's not like a unit of blood that is sold to a hospital," Scoggin said.

Blood donations require the donor to wait eight weeks before donating again. With plasma donation, Scoggin said donors are able to donate twice in a seven-day period with 48 hours in between donations.

"If you eat a healthy diet your body will replenish the proteins within 48 hours," said Andre Buechner, manager of marketing and corporate communication for BioLife.

"Plasma is 90 percent water with electrolytes and proteins," he said.

Donors receive $20 for the first donation in a seven-day period, and $30 for the second.

"We have clients who donate 90-100 times a year," Buechner said.

People donate for a variety of reasons.

Some donate because they knew someone who needed a product produced from plasma, said James Lofton, assistant manager of BioLife. Others donate for the compensation.

"Studies have been done comparing routine donors and new donors to determine if there are any long term health concerns," Scoggin said. "There are no significant health concerns associated with routine donation."

Scoggin said that donors give between 690-880 milliliters of plasma based on body weight. BioLife returns 500 milliliters in the form of saline. He said this leaves the donor with about a 20-ounce drink's worth of fluid loss.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Nick Bowers, of BioLife Plasma Services, processes plasma samples.

Sophomore psychology major Matt Harris said he has been a donor on and off for a couple of years. He said he donated out of the need for money.

Harris recently had "a near sinkable experience" while donating where he nearly lost consciousness.

"There are many vital nutrients in plasma," Harris said. "I think people need to be aware of what they are giving up and the risks involved."

"The donor is made well aware of

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Cloudy
High: 78
Low: 58

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Senate eats; plays Frisbee

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Without a gavel pounding, voice rising or fist flying, the first meeting of the Missouri Southern Student Senate began.

Senators met at the Biology Pond at 5:30 p.m., Sept. 17. For many members, it was their first time together.

The meeting was designed to allow the new Senators a chance to get to know each other by providing them with a picnic-style dinner.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students and adviser to Senate, welcomed the new members and thanked them for filling out their applications on time.

"We have a nice mix of new and returning senators," Carnahan said.

Carnahan then asked each senator to introduce his or herself. The senators were told to expect more new faces in the weeks to come. At the Oct. 1 meeting, Senators will have the chance to choose which students will fill the vacancies of Senate.

Adam Griffin, co-adviser to Senate, asked the senators to read through the Senate packets which tell the senators how meetings will proceed and inform them on the Senate constitution. Griffin also introduced Zack Odem, senior accounting major and Senate president.

"We don't have to spend the time having the president get use to that position," Griffin said.

Odem is the returning president from last year.

"We have a great year planned," Odem said. "This year's Senate may have a chance to do things that have never been done before."

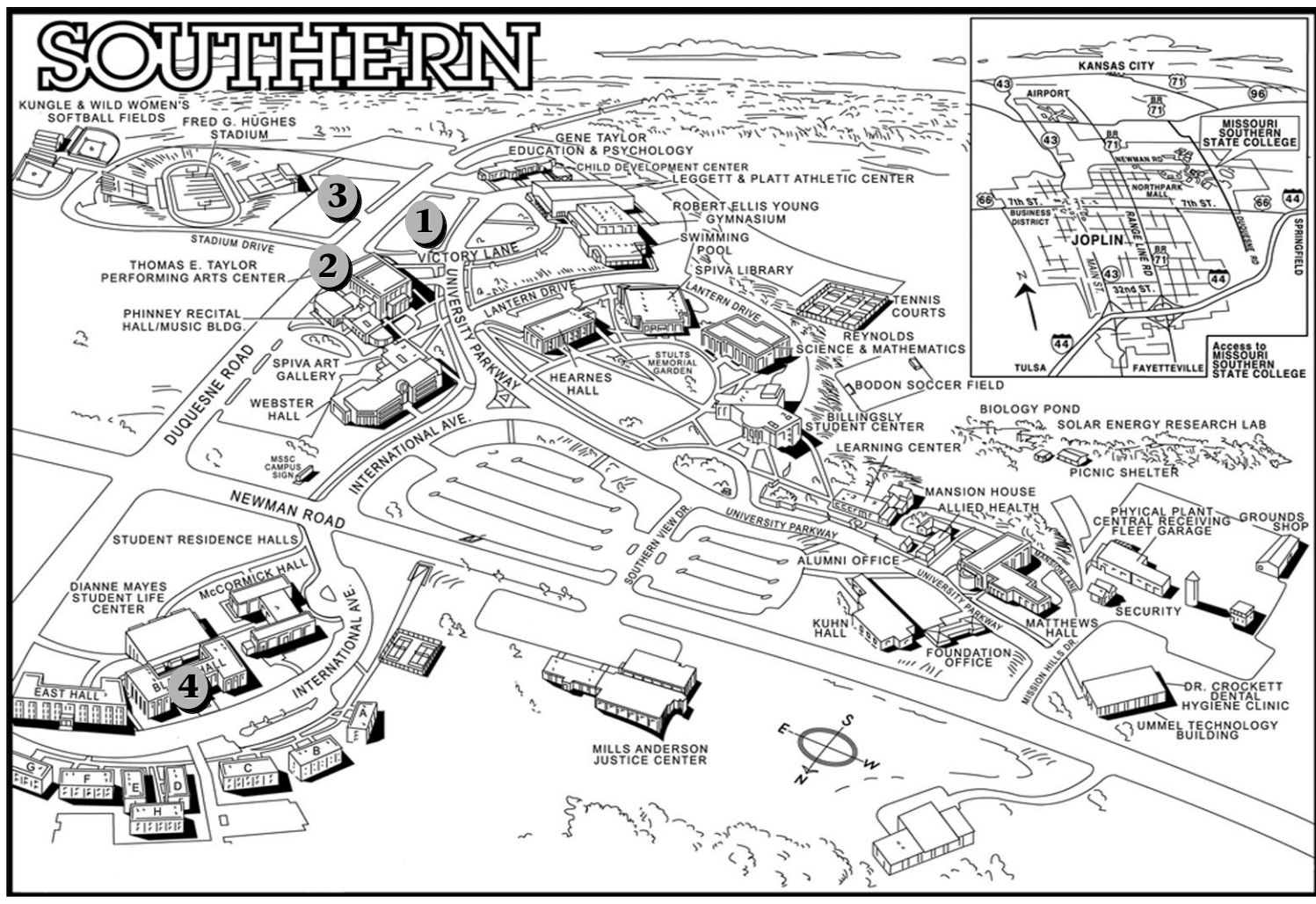
Odem reminded the new senators the Senate is not just for providing funds for different organizations, but also works alongside many different committees as a voice for students.

"We really do serve a function," Odem said.

As the meeting adjourned, the new members were asked to stay and finish the remaining food Senate has provided. Most of the new members stayed longer and talked among themselves.

Odem gathered a few members and played Frisbee next to the football field.

"Everyone looks enthusiastic," Carnahan said.



Caller looking for sex in Blaine Hall

1 Vehicle Accident

9/15/03

12:10 p.m.

Security was notified by a student who, upon returning to her car, found a note stating that someone had backed into her vehicle and they would take care of the damage to it.

Security noted that there were some fresh scratches on the left rear bumper. The person who backed into the vehicle left their telephone number and name, but no insurance information.

2 Theft

9/15/03

10:50 a.m.

Security was called to Duquesne Road in reference to some missing fencing. Upon arrival, the officer noted that eight center pieces of the barrier fencing were missing.

Seven were from just south of the entrance to the stadium and one was from the bottom of the hill at the south end of the barrier.

One piece of the fence was found and replaced.

3 Injured Person

9/13/03

5:25 p.m.

While on bike patrol, security was dispatched to the parking lot east of the stadium in reference to an injured person.

Upon arrival, the officer observed a bus driver was bleeding from his right cheek. The driver stated that he was opening the luggage door when the hydraulic piston broke and hit him.

The driver was taken to a doctor.

4 Telephone Harassment

9/11/03

8:53 p.m.

A student in Blaine Hall notified security that he had received a harassing telephone call.

The student informed the officer that a female called him, claiming she wanted to come to his room. The student became uncomfortable with her advances, but she stated that she wanted to sleep with him. The female hung up after a few minutes. No suspects were identified.

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Campus Calendar

Activities deadline approaches for Homecoming registration

The deadline for Homecoming festivities registration is coming up.

Sept. 24 is the final day to sign up for the activities. Persons interested may call 625-9346 for information.

Education, citizenship topic for Cuba Semester seminars

The Cuba semester continues with three seminars given by Dr. Denise Blum, author and Cuban observer, Sept. 19.

Blum, a member of the faculty of California State University at Fresno, is the author of two books on Cuba. She will be speaking about "Cuban Citizenship Education: Democracy, Politization, and Socialization" at 9 a.m. in Taylor Hall, Room 113.

The seminar will cover Cuban education since the fall of the Soviet Bloc.

At 10 a.m., Blum will be speaking on "Vocational Training in Cuba: A Visit to the Pioneer Interest Circles."

The Cuban job market will be the topic of the speech, which will be held at the same location as the first seminar.

The last seminar of the day, held at 11 a.m., will be on "Cuba's 'School to the Countryside' Program: Cultivating a Proper Consciousness Towards Work."

All sessions are free to the public.

Gockel Symposium set to talk about Castro-less Cuba

The seventh annual Harry and Berniece Gockel International Symposium is scheduled for Sept. 25.

This year's Symposium will consist of a daytime convocation and two evening presentations.

The first event, starting at 9:30 a.m., will feature Dr. Alberto R. Coll from the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy in Newport, R.I.

Coll was born in Havana and came to the United States in 1968 without his family.

The two evening programs will start at 7 p.m. in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Coll will be the first speaker of the evening, followed by Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, assistant professor of political science at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The symposium will discuss different ideas and thoughts, including the question of what will happen to Cuba after Castro dies.

All three events are free to the public. The symposium is titled "Cuba after Castro."

Brown bag lunch presentation ties in with Cuba Semester

Dr. Gwen Murdock will be speaking at the brown bag lunch on Friday.

The presentation will take place at 12:10 p.m. and should end by 12:50. Murdock will be speaking about "A Study of Time Deepening in Cuba." The event will be held in BSC, Room 310. Lunch is free to those who attend the brown bag session.

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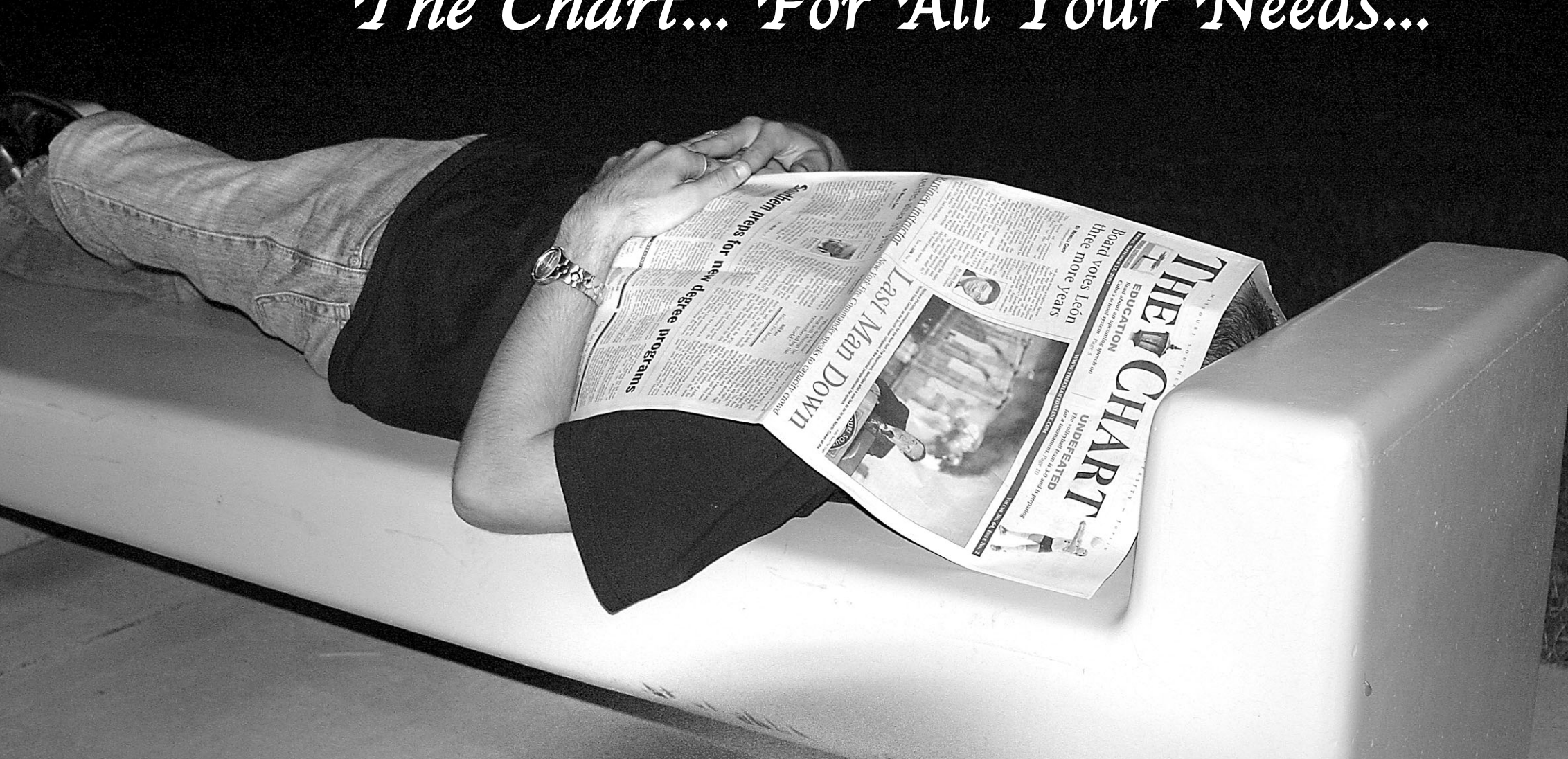

ACE board recognizes Honey

BY MANDI STEELE
Managing Editor

A taste of Honey is in order for the Office of Women in Higher Education.

Dr. Delores Honey, assistant vice president for assessment and institutional research, was recently elected to be on the American Council on Education Network Executive Board.

The Office of Women in Higher Education is a division of ACE, the major coordinating body for higher education institutions in the United States.

Honey said the main goal of OWHE is "to help develop women into administrative positions."

She has been with the organization since 1984 when she was on the state planning committee. In 1996, she moved up to state treasurer.

She then was state coordinator from 1999 until July of this year when the executive board voted her onto the national board.

"I was very surprised," Honey said.

This is the first time anyone from Missouri Southern has been on the board and only the second time anyone from Missouri has been on the board.

Dr. Delores Honey
Assistant Vice President of Assessment

"It's given me the chance to have some impact on the national scene," Honey said.

The executive board is made up of 20 members from across the United States. These members represent all different types of colleges and universities.

"They try to bring a variety of perspectives to this board," Honey said.

The OWHE was started in 1973 and Claire VanUmmersen, vice president and director of the OWHE in Washington, D.C., said the program is "devoted to the advancement of women in higher education."

In each state, committees work to develop programming, workshops and conferences for the personal development and improvement of women.

VanUmmersen said the workshops focus on teaching skills and making information available to women who are looking to advance in their higher education careers.

Honey will be in charge of three states, working closely with each state's coordinator. Missouri, Mississippi and Arkansas are her responsibility.

"I think that Delores was an excellent state coordinator, and that's the reason she's now serving on the executive board," VanUmmersen said. "We're lucky to have her."

Honey will serve a three-year term on the board. She said she thinks it's a good thing that Southern will be represented at a national level like this.

"It makes me want to do my job better here, but also to help other women who want to move up," she said.

Honey said helping people advance is "what education is all about."

Halee Phillips, junior education major, teaches Ali Doll, 2, at the Child Development Center.

Naoko Onoda/ The Chart

Children learn ABCs; parents study

BY MANDI STEELE
Managing Editor

Logan Brewer has been making handprints and footprints this last week.

Why? Because it's "All About Me" time at the Childhood Development Center. Brewer is 4 and is making a book about himself to show his parents.

"On the end of the week we can take it home," Brewer said.

Brewer is one of an average 35 children who go to the on-campus daycare center. He's been going to the CDC for about two years and says he enjoys "riding the big bikes," which are bicycles the children play with in the playground area outside the daycare.

The CDC has provided a place for faculty, staff, students and alumni to bring their children since 1986. The center can now take up to 55 children at a time, ages 2-5 during the fall and spring semesters and ages 2-8 during the summer.

Amber Tankersley, director of the CDC, said it costs $20 a day to have a child at the center.

"It's pretty comparable with other daycares in the area," Tankersley said.

Children can run and play from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the center with breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack in between. There are three full-time teachers who teach at the daycare. Brewer said he's learning his ABCs and numbers right now.

The daycare staff keeps the children busy with games, puzzles, art, blocks, recess, a sandbox, water table and class — not forgetting the nap after lunch.

Melissa Toalson, junior secondary English major, has worked at the daycare for three years.

"It's not easy by any means," Toalson said, "but it's fun."

The center is flexible when it comes to working around her class time so she can receive the hours she needs. Toalson said she thinks a daycare center at Missouri Southern is a great idea, because parents can get an education while their kids are getting quality care.

"The teachers are some of the nicest people you will ever meet," she said.

Tankersley said the daycare center is accredited, which means takes extra measures to ensure quality childcare.

"We are the only accredited center in Joplin right now," she said.

The center always makes sure it has the 10 children to one adult ratio in order to abide by childcare rules. Tankersley said this isn't a problem because of all the student help they have.

Many elementary education majors work at the center through work study or student help. She said early childhood and assessment of early childhood majors also help out because of projects they must do for class.

"We create a very wonderful experience for our children," Tankersley said.

Mentorship program flops due to no shows

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Amanda VanDaGriff admits she was a bit lost during the beginning of her junior year in the Missouri Southern nursing program.

She said having a helping hand would have made things a lot easier.

But she didn't have one.

Now that she's a senior, VanDaGriff, a nursing major, wanted things to be different for juniors and seniors in the nursing program.

"Things can be pretty stressful," VanDaGriff said. "The program can get overwhelming if you let it."

As president of the Student Nursing Association, VanDaGriff and fellow executive officers came up with a junior/senior mentor relationship program. The relationship would give juniors an opportunity to talk with seniors.

If juniors have any questions or need any advice, seniors are going to be there for answers.

"I think it's a good idea," said Marsha Hill, senior nursing major. "Last year we didn't get to know the seniors that well."

VanDaGriff wanted an event that was away from University grounds and without faculty.

"We just want to talk and visit," she said.

So Sept. 15, at Schifferdecker Park in Joplin, the inaugural event for juniors and seniors was held.

Alma Hudson, senior nursing major, brought a large bowl of snack mix for the occasion.

"I think by taking an active part in someone else's education it can help build your own goals," she said.

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

Nursing students meet at Schifferdecker Park to coach juniors, but the event turns into "Senior Fest."

The balloons were filled with air. A handful of seniors were patiently waiting as well.

All the seniors needed now, were some junior classmates.

But no one showed.

"They're going to regret not coming here," said Lynn Wells, nursing major. "I think they would have had a lot of questions."

As upbeat as the evening was, general attitudes changed.

Other seniors that attended were Heather Shofler and Kara Lauderdale.

It was no longer an opportunity for advice and questions. The seniors called the evening "Senior Fest."

"I think everyone was crying at this time last year," Wells said.

VanDaGriff said juniors looked stressed out the first week of class and an event such as the mentor relationships meeting would have been perfect for them.

But since no one showed, VanDaGriff said it's really too bad.

"This is really disappointing," VanDaGriff said.

Federal loans, grants available to students who meet financial need

BY JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

With the coming of tuition bills, arises a need for a way of paying the bills.

One way of taking care of those bills is to take out a student loan.

The financial aid department, located in Hearnes Hall, grants loans to students when they need them. Jim Gilbert, director of financial aid, said whether or not a student can get a loan depends on numerous factors. The main one of those being Free Application Federal Student Aid.

Before getting a loan through the University, all students must file a FAFSA application with the government. If a student is eligible for the Pell Grant, they have a good chance of being able to get a loan from the University, depending on need.

Amber Dalbey, freshman health promotion and wellness major, works in the front of the financial aid office. She said the choice of whether or not a student gets a loan is not up for the Southern to decide.

"It's pretty much just the government's rules," she said.

Gilbert said the government will tell the school if a student is or is not eligible for a loan.

Everything from room and board to tuition is taken into account.

The types of loans vary greatly, depending on what the student needs or can get.

The loans can be either subsidized or unsubsidized, meaning nothing needs to be paid back while the student is currently at "in-school status" or the student has to pay interest on the loan while in school. The way the loans are repaid varies greatly as well.

> *"They need to inquire about it more than just jumping to conclusions."*
>
> **Amber Dalbey**
> *Freshman Health Promotion and Wellness Major*

Some have a six-month grace period on repayment while others have a nine-month grace period. Gilbert said even then, though, exceptions can be made.

"If a student doesn't have a job within six months, they can apply for a deferment," he said.

However, not all appeals will be accepted.

Gilbert said loans are currently the biggest chunk of financial aid for students in higher education. He said they make up 75 percent of the total amount the government helps students with. Grants and scholarships make up 22 percent while work study is three percent. Gilbert said this is due to a government policy that money is tight.

"They're rationing money, and if you reap the benefits, you'll pay for it," he said.

He also attributes the high number of loans to higher costs in secondary education.

Erika Cassi, junior elementary education major, took out a loan this semester. She thought the process was "pretty simple to follow" and that loans are important to students.

"I know there are a lot of people who depend on loans," she said. "I was happy with what I did receive."

Dalbey said most students are easy to work with when it comes to loans. She said the ones who aren't are the ones who do not receive as much as they think they need to be getting.

"They need to inquire about it more than just jumping to conclusions," she said.

Gilbert said the average student will leave school with a debt of more than $1,500.

"That is mortgaging your future," he said. Students also have the option to go to a bank or other loan institute for loans.

Editor's Column

Hollywood hypocrites criticize government

Mandi Steele
Managing Editor

I find the fact that our Hollywood entertainers seem to be so politically astute rather interesting, don't you? It seems they are always up for a comment or two about our government, politicians and state of the country.

The latest has been Johnny Depp's remark about America being a "dumb puppy that has big teeth." The thing I don't understand is why in the world people even care what Depp has to say anyway. Who is he? An actor. I personally don't care what some Hollywood idol thinks about America. And I can't understand why our media seems to think it so important and such big news. Everyone's entitled to his or her opinion and has the freedom of speech to say what he or she wants. (Don't tell Depp, but that's because this is America, land of the free, home of the brave and a "dumb puppy.") But why we need to give such importance, thought and news coverage to what actors and actresses say is beyond me. The funny thing is that Depp is just one of many entertainers so actively "politically oriented" and "knowledgeable."

Barbra Streisand asked, "How could such a destructive man be so popular with the American people?" Well, Barbra, I can't understand how Clinton could be so popular with the American people either, but he was. I should note here that I am not a Bush fan either, so don't automatically label me as such.

Danny Glover called Bush's administration one of "liars and murderers." I'm not going to argue with Glover, but doesn't he know that the last administration was those things too?

Alec Baldwin told reporters he would leave the country if Bush were elected. Well, go ahead. It's amusing to me that these movie stars are so eager to criticize a country that has brought them millions in wealth. I'm not saying criticism is a bad thing — everyone's entitled to his or her own opinion. But, what makes these movie stars so educated in the process of American government that they get their opinions published like they're really worth something?

The real irony is that Depp called the House politicians "idiots" for renaming french fries as "freedom" fries. They may be idiots for doing so, but what would you call yourself, Mr. Depp, for calling America a "dumb puppy" and telling reporters you only want to make short visits to the United States because you don't agree with the current political climate. I'd call you a hypocrite.

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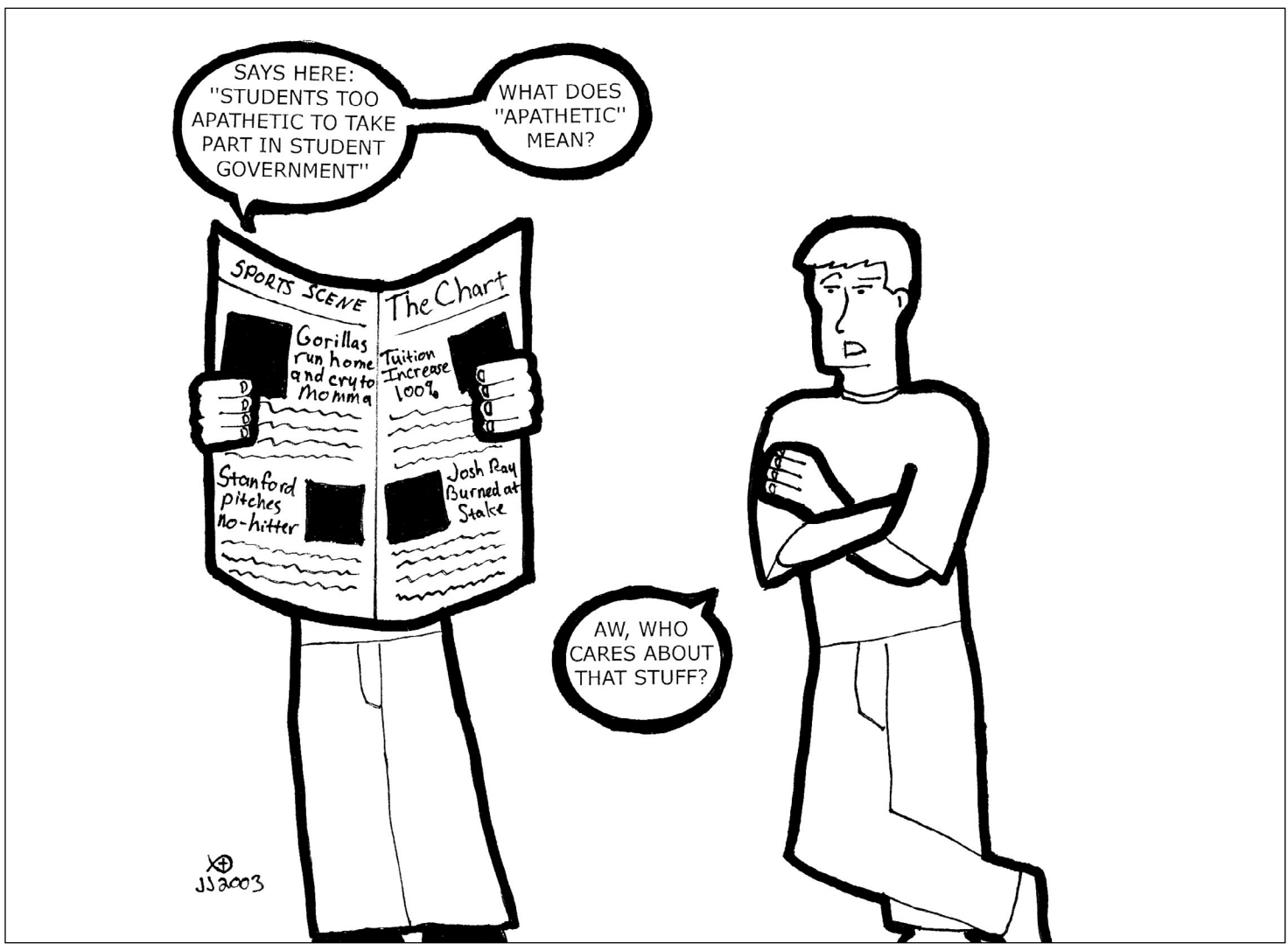
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Lack of spirit hurts Southern

Chart Opinion

It's not a good sign to see pieces of paper on windows scattered around campus notifying the campus community that Student Senate elections have been canceled. Not good at all.

But should it be a big surprise that our own student governing body didn't come close to filling all the vacant spots? It wasn't even close.

Maybe they've all given up.

The lack of response from students in our student government is really pathetic. It's just another damaging blow to the University. Sure, students and administration probably won't look twice, but this lack of participation shows just how unstable our student community really is. Enrollment numbers are down. School participation is low.

As promising as Southern's future looks to be, there can't be much argument about our campus spirit. It's safe to say, as a whole, we have none.

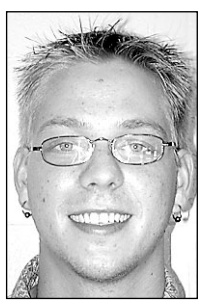
Anybody catch the color commentary of the televised football game Sunday night? Probably not, but what's important here is that the student announcer said it's great to see so many students at the game — best attendance ever possible. That might be true.

But he probably didn't notice the wide camera view showing a handful of spectators filling the east bleachers. They didn't build that side of stadium seats just for the visiting squad.

What can be said? Student Senate is hurting now, and hopefully they won't be down too long. If they need more senators they could always offer free lunch. That ought to reel them in.

Campus Voice BY NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

Why is the level of interest in Senate so low?



"I think people just aren't active enough and you never hear about anything they're doing at these meetings anyway. They're not willing to fight for what students want."

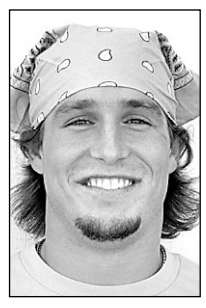
Rob Woodall
Senior
Graphic Design
Major

"I think no one voting shows a lack of school spirit."

Christine Wortman
Freshman
Undecided
Major

"I think that the students aren't really politically aware of what's going on."

Adele Thompson
Junior
Art
Major



"So we have a Student Senate now?"

Jerrod Murphy
Junior
Physical Education
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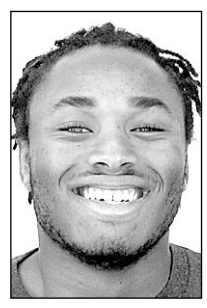

"I don't think Student Senate does much."

Nate Proctor
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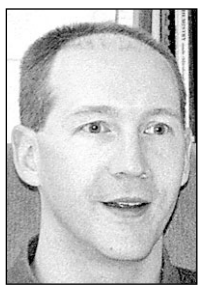
In Perspective

Southwest Missouri offers more to do than people may think



Dr. Michael Garoutte
Assistant Professor of Biology

Southwestern Missouri is a great place to live. Sure, there are things I would change if I could, but a day like we had last Sunday makes me feel happy with the world.

I spent the whole day at Joplin parks. The weather was amazing. Sunday morning, along with my wife and 16-month-old daughter, I attended a church service in McClelland Park commemorating the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther School. We also had a hog roast, picnic games for the kids, singing, reminiscing and lots of dessert. And I helped park cars before and clean up afterward.

After that my wife and I took our daughter to Parr Hill Park. She had a wonderful time playing in the sand, sliding down the slides and climbing through the tubes.

After a while, her grandparents showed up, and we all went out for dinner.

I could have done the same things lots of places — even in Joplin 20 years ago — that is, without the wife and daughter and with the "rocket slide" at the park instead of the new multi-function climbing equipment on a bed of mulch.

I grew up in this area, but this is not the Joplin I grew up with. There are many more things to do and places to go.

Twenty years ago I might have eaten a slice of pizza and an ice cream cone at Orange Bowl at the mall. The Orange Bowl is gone, but we have Schlotzsky's Deli, Panera Bread, Japanese and Indian restaurants, coffee shops and an IHOP.

Twenty years ago I might have bought school supplies at Wal-Mart or K-Mart. Today we have Target, Hobby Lobby, Lowe's and Home Depot, Toys-R-Us, Office Max and Office Depot and Best Buy.

Twenty years ago I might have complained there was "nothing to do." I would have been wrong then, but I would be even more wrong now. In addition to the parks, restaurants and businesses, we have museums, paintball fields, water parks, festivals and cultural events.

Last Thursday I stayed home with my daughter while my wife went to hear someone she knows perform a poetry reading at the "open mike" night at Dioko Coffee Co.

Our University is the center of "things to do." There are two or three events each week connected with the Cuba Semester, and then there are the art shows, sporting events, theater productions, science fairs, choral and band concerts — I no longer complain that there is "nothing to do," but instead that I cannot "do" enough of them.

Yes, there are things I would change about this area. The weather is too hot in the summer and often too cold in the winter. We are too far from the ocean and the mountains.

We could use more sidewalks and biking trails. Indoor tennis courts (that I could afford) might be nice, and it would be great if our movie theater showed anything other than Hollywood sequels.

But fall in Joplin is wonderful, and after a day like last Sunday, I can't complain.

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Business class views current world issues

BY MELISSA BLANCHARD
Staff Writer

New specialty classes are appearing in the business world.

Current Issues in International Business is a new class being offered at Missouri Southern this semester through the continuing education department.

The class meets at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. It began Sept. 4 and will continue until Nov. 6. Participants will receive a certificate showing their completion of 32-clock hours of continuing education.

The class will give students the option of petitioning for two credit hours or writing an extra 10-page paper for an addition credit hour for those with previous Southern credit.

"Grades are primarily based on attendance and the final paper," said Terry Marion, director of the International Trade and Quality Center.

Students paid a $250 fee per participant. A 10 percent discount was offered for three or more people from one organization, paid to the International Trade and Quality Center.

Some of the major businesses in the area encourage their employees to attend these classes through a reimbursement program.

Leggett & Platt, Eagle Picher and Jasper Products have employees enrolled in the classes.

The class is set up as a lecture discussion class with guest speakers each week.

John Patrick, export sales manager of international furniture components at Leggett & Platt, will be speaking on how to handle the order process from start to finish.

David Wallace, director of business development and planning at American Ordnance will be speaking on ethical and legal standards.

Arnold Berney will teach dos and do nots of international trade. He is the vice president of international sales at Leggett & Platt. International distributor marketing will be led by Henri Coeme, international sales manager at Hix Corporation.

Marion said the importance of international business is growing, as "the whole world is getting smaller and more sophisticated."

These are offered on Saturdays with costs ranging from $20-$225.

Patti Richardson/The Chart

Inspired by their trip to see the Dalai Lama in Bloomington, Ind., Dr. Carolyn Hale and Jessica Koch work on a McCaleb Peace Grant proposal.

Inspiration comes from Tibet

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
City Editor

World peace came to Bloomington, Ind., on Sept 7.

Dr. Carolyn Hale, associate professor of communications, and Jessica Koch, junior international studies major, traveled nine hours by car for the chance to see "His Holiness," the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet.

The Dalai Lama is the spiritual and political leader of the Tibetan people.

The Dalai Lama made a stop in Bloomington to dedicate an interfaith chapel at the Tibetan Cultural Center founded by Thubten Norbu, his elder brother and professor emeritus at Indiana University.

Hale and Koch's journey began in spring 2003, when Koch was a student in Hale's Oral Communication class.

Koch gave a persuasive speech reflecting the idea that the U.S. government should support the protection of the Tibetan people and their cultural heritage.

"Originally, I was opposed to any U.S. intervention with the Chinese occupation of Tibet," Koch said. "I felt like it was a little bit ethnocentric of us to say that the situation was necessarily a bad one."

Koch said in the course of her research, she learned an astounding amount about Chinese/Tibetan relations over the centuries.

"It kind of changed my little dogma," Koch said.

Hale said this speech inspired her to tell Koch about the McCaleb Initiative for Peace grant.

Koch, a current student in Hale's Intercultural Communication course, meets with her instructor every two weeks, working to develop a research proposal to be submitted in the spring to compete for the grant.

Koch proposes to travel to Nepal to study the Tibetan exile.

While travel to Nepal is considered relatively safe, Hale said the State Department officials have warned her about traveling to Tibet as researchers.

"We have been advised to go with Chinese tourist visas if we are able to travel to Tibet," Hale said.

Although Koch has not yet been awarded the grant, she has already secured approval to interview Jetsun Pema, sister of the Dalai Lama and president of the Tibetan Children's Villages. The TCV is a network of villages made up of those who escaped Tibet after the Chinese invasion.

Hale said this trip was meaningful to her both as an instructor and as an individual.

"I had always voiced a wish to meet the Dalai Lama sometime in my life," she said.

Although she was unable to meet the Dalai Lama personally, she said the experience was still rewarding.

"Security was very strict," Hale said. "I had never thought that a person of non-violence like the Dalai Lama would have to be surrounded by so much protection from people of violence."

Hale's camera was confiscated at the event, which was attended by more than 4,000 people.

Tony Hoeber, executive director of the Dalai Lama Foundation in Palo Alto, Calif., said the Dalai Lama gives teachings on Buddhist writings but also speaks about world peace.

"His teachings always have to do with peace and basic human values," Hoeber said. "We need to recognize what we share as people, and violence is not the answer. And His Holiness has maintained this position under all kinds of circumstances."

The Dalai Lama Foundation works to promote the world's capacity for peace through education.

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Gockel targets Cuba after Castro

Symposium gives students insight into island politics

BY ANJULIE BOBO
Staff Writer

The Gockel International Symposium, since its conception in 1997, has offered students at Missouri Southern a deeper look into the topics that affect the countries studied during the themed semesters.

"I think it is important for people to go to the symposium because it is important for students to study different cultures," said Julia Church, sophomore political science major. "If you only learn about where you are from, you won't be very well-rounded."

For the Cuba Semester, the symposium will feature two sessions on the topic "Cuba After Castro."

For the first session, Dr. Alberto Coll will be speaking on a variety of topics, giving listeners an overview of Cuba and the topics under discussion.

"Students and faculty that really don't know that much about Cuba will come away much more informed," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies, who is in charge of the arrangements for the Symposium this year.

During the second program, Coll will be joined by Dr. Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado to discuss the many issues Cuba will face after Castro's death.

"There is a lot of interest in Fidel Castro, and what will happen to Cuba after he dies," Stebbins said.

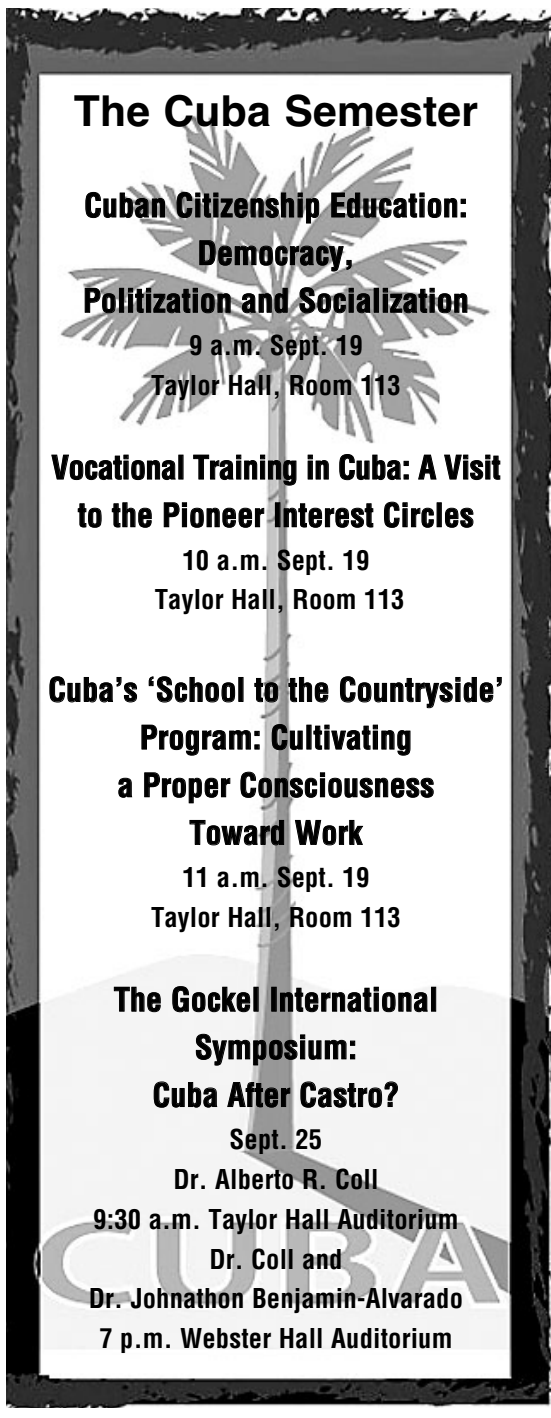
"The evening program is going to specifically express that."

Coll, who was born in Havana, is a senior fellow at the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy in Newport, R.I., Coll has also published several books and articles and lectures on American foreign policy and strategy.

Benjamin-Alvarado is an assistant professor of political science, specializing in comparative politics at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In addition to his 15 trips to Cuba, Alvarado is recognized nationally as a leading specialist in Cuba's nuclear energy capacity and broader energy development issues.

"I don't know anything about Cuba," said Amanda Chandler, freshman general business major. "I thought it would be interesting to learn more about the country."

Moderating this year is Dr. Larry H. Cebula, associate professor of history, in the morning, and Dr. David A. Locher, associate professor of sociology, in the evening.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Dr. Johnathon Benjamin-Alvarado
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Both Cebula and Locher have made two trips to Cuba.

"As moderators, they will introduce the speakers and then engage them in discussion afterward," Stebbins said.

Both programs take place on Thursday.

The first program begins at 9:30 a.m. in Taylor Auditorium. The second begins at 7 p.m. in Webster Hall auditorium.

"This is really the signature event of the Cuba Semester," Stebbins said.

"If people only come to one or two events the entire semester, we hope that it is the Gockel Symposium."

Crimson Sky

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Matt Comer, senior mass communications major (left) , and Dennis Clements, senior spanish major, practice for their new band's debut show at 8 p.m.on Saturday, at Cully's in Springfield. The band, Crimson Sky, is a trio of Missouri Southern students.

Band creates metal with diversity

By Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

In a room lined with The Beatles' posters, classic metal is reborn.

The new three-piece band, Crimson Sky, is made up of Missouri Southern students.

They have never played a show together, so, as of yet, they are pretty well unheard of.

They are an unlikely bunch of musicians. Matt Comer, senior mass communications major, looks reserved and silly.

In this setting, he is transformed into a madman, sweat flying, falling to his knees, while screaming vocals into the mic with an intensity not his own.

Dennis Clements, senior Spanish major, seems to be born for this role.

Tattooed and pierced, he plays a small black electric guitar with jagged edges, reminiscent of the band KISS.

He orchestrates the chaos that they call practice riffs that the rest of the band builds on.

Andy Tevis, junior mass communications major, the quiet, shy guy from Idaho, looks clean cut with short hair and emo band T-shirts, but beats mercilessly at the drum set, arms flailing, eyes burning with intensity.

Unlike most garage bands, they practice in a small upstairs room in Clements' parents' house.

Their music can be heard all the way down the block.

The dream for Crimson Sky was born one semester in a class that Clements and Comer shared.

"We would always go in every day and do hip-hop beats on the desk and people would rap to it," Clements said.

The band reached completion at a party spring semester this year when Clements met Tevis.

"I was dancing on a table at this party, drunk, and I was like, 'hey, we should start a band,'" Clements said. "And that was the first time I ever met Andy, at that party, in my underpants."

The band may be new, but not without experience. Tevis is a former member of the Idaho band, "Against All Odds," and Comer was in the New York hardcore band "KOS."

With all of their different styles and backgrounds, the band said there is a lot of adapting going on during their practices.

The band practiced several times during the spring semester and then regrouped this fall after summer break.

Because of this, they are hesitant to limit themselves to one genre of music.

"I wouldn't put a label on us," Comer said. "Andy has a big punk-rock, emo background, Dennis is gothic metal, and my major influences are New York City hardcore bands that pull in some melodic vocals."

Crimson Sky's debut show will be at 8 p.m., Saturday, at Cully's in Springfield.

The band practices a couple hours at Clements' house two to three times a week. They have four solid original songs right now, but should have seven by the time of the show.

The show at Cully's is dedicated to Jeff Pryor, a friend of Comer's who recently passed away, leaving his young son fatherless.

"We're going to try and set up a memorial fund for him where hopefully people will drop donations for him," Comer said.

An album is planned to be released in December on the band's own label, Root Down Records.

Comer thinks Crimson Sky's diversity has something special to offer listeners.

"We're all from different music scenes," he said. "It's just a big collaboration of a bunch of different styles, and I think it meshes well."

Clements promises a good time to those who make the trip to see their first show.

"Come to the show, it'll be fun, it'll be crazy," he said. "We like to have a good time, and we're gonna be nutty."

Reading impresses students, faculty

By Alice Hossain
Staff Writer

Spiva Art Gallery presented a temporary home from the Cuban poetry night.

Approximately 35 people attended the poetry reading.

Suarez is an associate professor of creative writing at Florida State University in Tallahassee and has been writing poetry and other works for more than 20 years.

"I get my impressions and ideas mostly from my own background," Suarez said.

"Cuba and the people living there, my people, who have been instrumental in my awareness, inspire me most."

One important formula for his lyrical productivity is remembering.

"The act of writing is at the same time an act of remembering," Suarez said.

"You learn to keep track of what you have seen and what you have heard. When I sit and write, my thoughts just flow."

Dr. William Kumbier, professor of English, said Suarez has a unique ability that distinguishes him from other contemporary poets.

"He is very devoted, full of energy and very deeply sensitive, especially to issues of the connection between generations," he said.

"What I find very interesting is that he is able to bring poetry to people who are not interested in poetry normally."

"I was impressed by his direct and honest way to talk to his auditorium," said Mauricio Dominguez, senior international communications major.

"What I liked most was that he not only read his poems, but also told so many stories about Cuba and the Cuban lifestyle."

The poems he read were from his book *Guide of a Blue Tongue*.

His first poem "Masks" is an epigram announcing Cuba as an "island of stolen dreams."

Suarez called his next poem "NPR poem."

"When my students are tired from working on difficult poems, they turn on the radio for some light entertainment," Suarez said.

"But they could read this NPR poem instead."

One of his poems takes place in Havana. It is "Shakespeare Visits Havana."

There are parallels between Shakespearean protagonists and Suarez's Cuban characters.

Dr. Gwen Murdock, department head of psychology, was impressed by his fluent and narrative language.

"He uses such an expressive, figurative language with so many vivid images," she said. "I liked his image of the Banyan tree. He compared the tree with its roots and branches to a family including many generations."

His last contribution was a short story from his book *Infinite Refuge*. It dealt with an 8-year-old boy's description of a visit to his aunt Bertha Delgado.

After his readings, Suarez answered some questions from the audience.

Many were interested in his life and whether he ever wants to return to his homeland.

"I am terrified of going back to Cuba," he said. "I am afraid that the images in my memory and reality in Cuba would clash. That is why I draw my own image of Cuba. If I would go there and realize that everything would be different, I would be disappointed."

Suarez considers himself a poet, not working between two cultures, but rather working together with them.

"I would call myself a Cuban-American poet," he said. "But, I would also consider myself an American poet, a Latino poet. I am just a working poet — someone who expresses himself in various ways."

Crimson Sky, a new band comprised of three Southern students, prepares for its first show. Read the story for information.

Rachel Mastin and Rachel Weisensee star in Southern's first production of the semester, "Getting Out," a story of a young woman being released from prison.
Patti Richardson/ The Chart

Getting Out 'connects' with any audience

BY LANDON FRY
Staff Writer

Memories are internalized as plays on the stages of people's minds, giving shape to their regrets.

One such play is now being presented to audiences as the stage of one character's mind is made visible in Southern Theatre's current production, *Getting Out*. The play, by Marsha Norman, began its run Sept. 16 and will have its final performances Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Bud Walton Theatre.

The story follows a young woman's struggle after being released from a prison where she has spent much of her life.

Dr. Jay Fields, play director, said it's not what the play is about.

"The show is about the fact that all of us find ourselves in situations that we'd like to get out of," Fields said. "It might be that you have a bad habit, maybe a drinking problem or a drug problem or you have a bad marriage or a bad relationship or a bad anything that you'd like to get out of and it's about the difficulty of getting out of that bad situation."

One thing Fields finds interesting about this play, which he partially chose for its strong female roles, is that there are two actresses playing the same character. Arlene, played by Rachel Mastin, junior theatre major, is the main character after she is released from prison. Arlie, played by Rachel Weisensee, senior theatre major, is the main character before she is released from prison. Arlie's scenes are played as flashbacks in Arlene's mind.

The two characters move in and out of each other's worlds. Though the characters pass each other, they're not really on the same plane.

"It's very theatrical in that respect that you have people intermingling from different time periods on the same stage at the same time," he said.

This intermingling is something Weisensee thinks will impact viewers.

"When you can see someone dealing with their past and it's right in front of them being acted out I think it kind of brings to mind to let go of things you're feeling guilty about and move on with your life," Weisensee said.

Both Mastin and Weisensee had to undergo changes to play the same character. Mastin's hair, which is naturally brown and curly, is now black and must be straightened before each show.

"I'm always up for change, so it wasn't that big of a deal," Mastin said. "It's kind of weird to look in the mirror now. I scream every now and then."

Though Mastin gives Weisensee a hard time, both of them had to go to Eyewitness Tattoo to get tattoos drawn on their arms with a Sharpe marker. Besides physical changes, the actresses spent time together to learn each other's mannerisms.

"Rachel and I actually lived together for a month while rehearsals were going on because I couldn't get back in on campus," Mastin said.

The show contains coarse language and violence, which some actors were apprehensive about at first.

"You would expect these people to talk this way so it's really not that bad once you see it," Weisensee said. "Once I got over the initial difficulty of saying those words in front of my mother it wasn't too bad."

Despite the content possibly bothering some, Mastin thinks everyone can gain something from the play.

"Everyone can connect to this show in a way that is very, very, very personal because it deals with your past and everyone has done things in their past that they would like to forget and just can't," she said. "It's a matter of embracing that and once you embrace what has been holding you back and what you have done in your past you can actually get out of the things that hold you back, and I think that's what the play is about, actually getting out of everything that is holding you back."

Tickets for each showing are free for students, $3 for adults and $1 for seniors.

Festival opens with silent film, yields foreign flair

BY RUSS ROPER
Staff Writer

The 42nd annual International Film Festival will be providing a variety of films from around the world.

The festival started Sept. 16 with a young man's struggle to be popular in *The Freshman*, an American silent comedy.

Additional films are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday nights from Sept. 30 to April 6.

They are from Russia, England, Italy, France, Hungary and Argentina with one film yet to be announced.

"These films are 16mm and are getting scarce," said Harrison Kash, director of Missouri Southern State University Film Society.

These features deal with a variety of topics from love stories to death.

The movie from England scheduled for Sept. 30 is taken from a screenplay by Noel Coward. It is a love story by David Lean.

Bed and Sofa is scheduled for showing on Oct. 14. This film is by Abram Room and comes from Russia. The plot deals with intimate relations.

An Italian film by Mauro Bolognini entitled *Bell 'Antonio* follows on Oct. 28.

The format of this feature is that of a sex comedy/satire and will feature Marcello Mastroianni.

"There is no way to know when and if a film may disappear," Kash said.

"You can't get them on video or DVD, so when they're gone, they're gone."

The remaining films are scheduled for 2004.

On March 9, *Les Enfants Terribles* by Jean-Pierre Mellville will be shown. This film from France is a study of complex and combative relationships.

Later on in March is the scheduled showing of a Hungarian movie by Pal Gabor.

This award-winning film called *Angi Vera* looks at a naive yet serious young woman.

The film is slated for March 23.

The final film scheduled for the festival is on April 6. It is a film by Leopoldo Torre Nilsson called *Summerskin*, and it comes from Argentina. The film is about a dying man and his friend.

"Film buffs want to see something special, and this is one way for them to do that," Kash said.

These films are provided by the Missouri Southern Film Society with funding in part by the Institute for International Studies.

"I have been friends with Harrison for many years," said William Livingston, associate professor of mathematics.

"He was my chemistry professor back in '59. I help out with this quite a bit."

All films are to be held in the Matthews Hall Auditorium.

Those interested in more information may contact the Film Society at 625-9614.

Homecoming, political debate dominate meeting

BY DAVID HAUT
Staff Writer

Homecoming was the focus of conversation at the Campus Activities Board meeting.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, emphasized the importance of Homecoming this week.

The group discussed possible activities for the week, including old-time photos, a movie night and a root beer saloon. A bonfire and pep rally was proposed, but a final decision was not made.

The Southern Stampede theme was widely discussed in relevance to the week's festivities. CAB will be distributing free T-shirts during the week's activities. Members questioned student involvement and discussed ways to increase participation including dressing up and distributing "wanted" flyers.

Also mentioned in the meeting was the possibility of a campus debate between the University Republicans and University Democrats. Tentative dates for the debate will take place in November.

A topic has yet to be decided, but it was requested that both organizations submit a list of proposals.

"I'll toss around some ideas," said Dutch Kelley, junior political science major.

The main focus of the debate is to increase awareness of the two organizations, and to inform the students of relevant political topics. Domestic security was a proposed topic.

The success of New York Battalion Commander Richard Picciotto's speech was also discussed during the meeting. Picciotto's speech generated the largest crowd Southern has had for a lecture, topping former U.N. weapons inspector Scott Ritter last October.

More than 900 people attended the event.

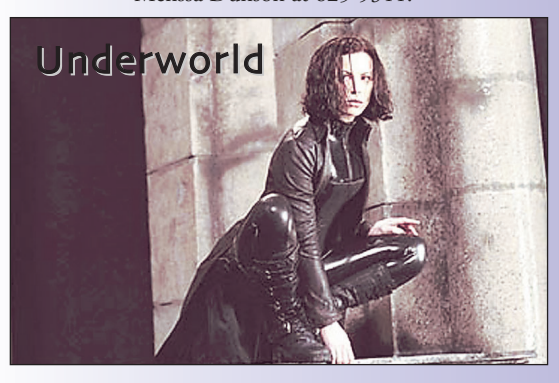
"It will be hard to top it," Blackford said.

CAB meets at 2 p.m. Wednesdays in Billingsly Student Center.

CAB Campus Activities Board

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.



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Anything Else, *Cold Creek Manor*, *The Fighting Temptations*, *Secondhand Lions*, and *Underworld* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Woodshed concert @ the Emporium on the Carthage Square.

Jenkins Dirt concert @ 9:30 p.m. @ The Gypsy Dickson Street in Fayetteville, Ark.

The Sound and the Fury and Mudpuddle Dive CD release party @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

Extreme Punk Underground concert featuring five regional metal bands @ 6 p.m. @ Club Cesspool.

Space Cadet and Ultra Fix concert @ 10 p.m. @ Champs.

Walnut Valley Music Festival in Winfield, Kan.

Cuban Citizenship Education: Democracy, Politization, and Socialization lecture @ 9 a.m. @ Taylor Hall, Room 113.

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32nd Street Band concert @ Kitchen Pass in Neosho

Coma Toast concert @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

Cryin' Outloud and Rick Reichle concert @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's.

Cross-Town Jazz Band concert @ 6 p.m. @ Club 609.

T-Ray and Yoga Man concert @ 9 p.m. @ Turtleheads.

Space Cadet and Far From Yesterday concert @ 10 p.m. @JB's Bar.

Crimson Sky concert @ 8 p.m. @ Cully's in Springfield, Mo.

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Karaoke from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub

22
Country-western and bluegrass Hootenanny @ 7 p.m. @ Aurora Community Center in Fairland, Okla.

BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

Monday Night Football @ J-Town

23
Karaoke and All U Can Eat Tacos @ 8 p.m. @ J-Town

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room

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Real Rock 101.7 @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room

BSU Lunch-n-Counter @ Noon.

CAB meeting second floor of Billingsly @ 2 p.m.

Deadline for Homecoming registration.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

City receives EPA grant for sewer improvement

The Joplin City Council voted 9-0 Sept. 15, to adopt a resolution authorizing the city to accept a federal grant of $1,734,700 from the Environmental Protection Agency.

The grant money will be used to continue sewer extension projects in the city.

Annual Walk provides aid for St. John's Hospice

St. John's Regional Medical Center announced the 21st annual Walk for Hospice will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Walk for Hospice is an annual fund-raiser to support St. John's Hospice, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing care and services for the terminally ill and their families.

Persons may contact St. John's Hospice at 627-8488.

State helps support Metro Area Publictransit

The Metro Area Publictransit System in the City of Joplin will receive $73,106 this year from the state.

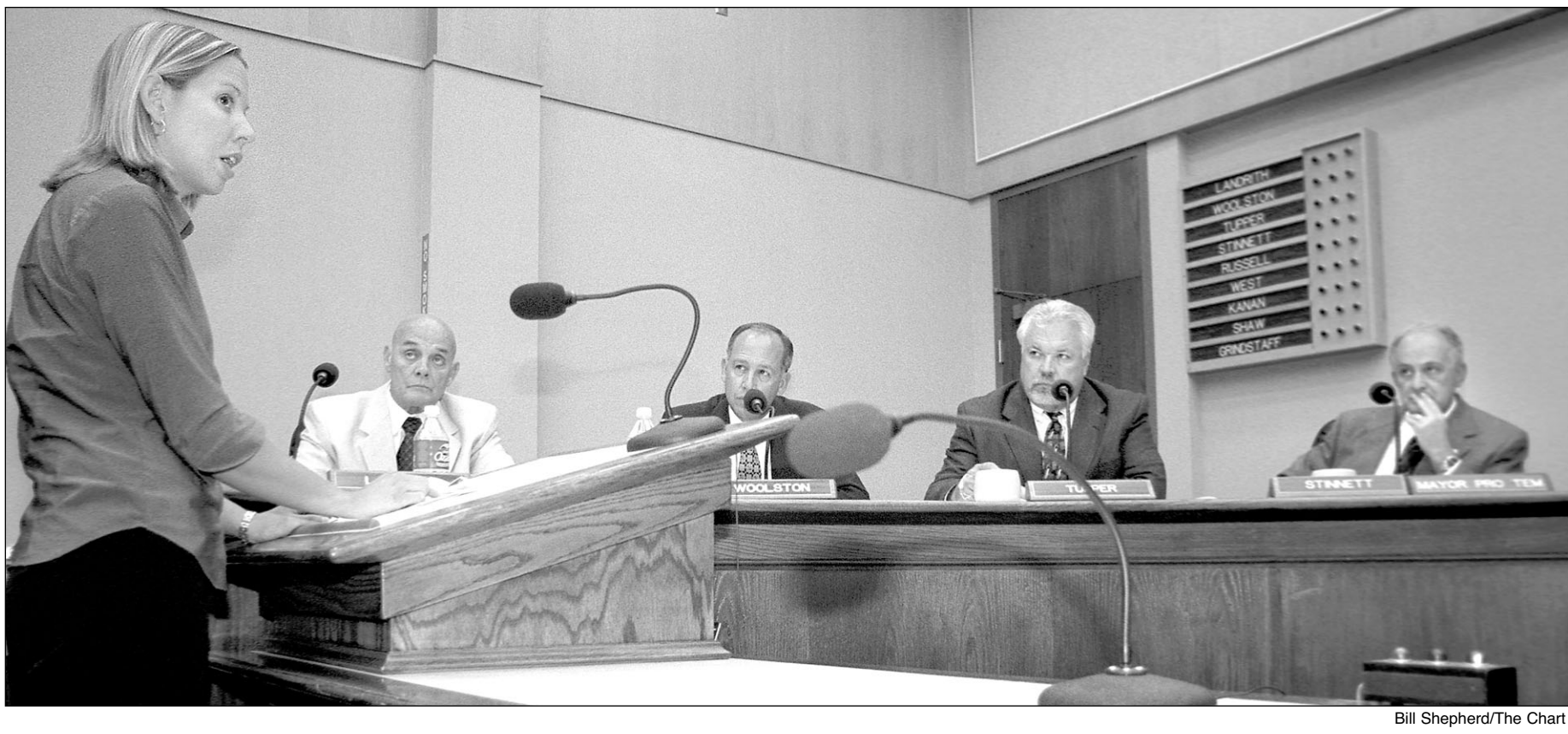
The council voted 9-0 Sept. 15 to enter into an assistance grant agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

The funds MAPS receives from the state have decreased each year for the past three years. Last year, MAPS received more than $75,000 from the state. The original amount exceeded $80,000.

Mayor recognizes Scout, presents award Sept. 15

Joplin Mayor Richard Russell presented a plaque to Eagle Scout Alex Hiler at the Sept. 15 City Council meeting.

Hiler obtained the distinction of Eagle Scout June 28.



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Amy Winder, a resident of Canterbury lane, addressed the Joplin City Council to voice her concern over the proposed development of a new shopping center.

Residents' pleas fall on deaf ears

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
City Editor

When Amy Winder addressed the Joplin City Council, her neighbors were behind her; when she asked them to rise, they stood to show their support.

"It's kind of a little hole," Winder said of her neighborhood. "It's an area in seclusion five minutes from Range Line."

Winder came to the Sept. 15 meeting to address a matter of concern to the residents of Canterbury Lane.

Developer Steven Vogel, resident of Galena, Kan., has proposed to build a new shopping center along Fourth Street next to Northpark Mall.

Many residents of Canterbury Lane believe they will be adversely affected by this development. Winder said she is concerned that the development will bring more traffic to the area where her children ride their bikes.

In her address to the Council, Winder cited a 53-year-old agreement between the original developers of the area.

The covenant between E.A. Thompson subdivision and Rolling Acres provided the area only be used for residential purposes and that it support no industrial or commercial enterprise.

"It is improper for the Council to consider these restrictions under Missouri law when making any re-zoning decisions," said Brian Head, city attorney.

> *"... I've lost interest in our house."*
> **Barbara Wilson,**
> *Resident of Canterbury Lane*

He said the city is not a party to those agreements and cannot be bound by them.

"City Council has an obligation to look at the highest and best use of property," Head said.

The debate over the development of this now residential area has been has been going on since 1997, when Vogel first approached city officials. However, some newer residents of Canterbury Lane, such as the Winder's and Ervin and Barbara Wilson, did not find out about the proposal until after they moved in.

"The first night we moved in, our neighbors brought us a petition to sign against this proposal," Barbara Wilson said.

"We were hoping to build onto the house, but why would we want to do that now? Now, all we're doing is throwing our money away. This was going to be our last home. I used to be so excited, but now I've lost interest in the house."

Winder said she and her husband did not find out about the development until after they moved in as well.

She said had she known, her family would not have moved into the neighborhood.

Ervin Wilson addressed the council during the proposal's first reading.

"It looks like when they have their finalized plans to the city, that's when we have to make our move as far as what's going to happen and who is going to have to do what as far as the requirements we're going to want in there to protect our neighborhood," he said.

Wilson also said he still believes the 1951 covenant may still apply to the area.

Wilson said he believes the agreement falls under real estate law, which the Council must abide by.

That needs to be addressed legally, which could possibly end up opening law suits," Wilson said.

The Sept. 15 meeting was the bill's second reading before the Council.

At its first reading, the measure was passed by a vote of 6-3. The same votes were cast at the second reading.

The change in zoning becomes official 28 days after receiving the mayor's signature.

"According to the City Attorney, the only recourse they've got is to hire a lawyer and take legal action against the city," said Councilman Jim West.

"I don't think this is the best use of the property," he said.

"If [Vogel] wants to buy my land, I'll make it as hard as I can," Wilson said.

Local cowboy lassos funds

Program hopes 2003 is record breaking second year

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
City Editor

Although the days of the cowboy and the Western are long since passed, cowboys are still in the area helping children.

Johnie Clem, who worked as a horse trainer for former NFL quarterback Joe Montana, is the featured cowboy in the Children's Center of Southwest Missouri's fund-raiser, Cowboy's for Kids.

The Children's Center is a child advocacy group that works with children who are the victims of abuse.

Children's Center

• Last year's Cowboy's for Kids fund-raiser brought in more than $10,000.

"I moved back from California a few years ago," Clem said. "I was looking around for something to do for children."

He said the program raised more than $10,000 for the center the first year.

"Our mission is to reduce the trauma to abused children by facilitating a multidisciplinary response," said Kathy Olson, assistant executive director of the Children's Center.

Olson said under normal circumstances, when an abuse case is reported, law enforcement, medical personnel, therapists and social workers each interview the child in question.

"Each time you interview a child it retraumatizes and revictimizes them," Olson said.

The Children's Center has a trained interviewer examine the child in question, with each of the specialists looking on in an observation room, Olson said. If necessary, the interview is video taped.

"I think $10,000 goes a long way for those things," Clem said.

He said several area businesses have also contributed to the fund-raiser.

Freeman Health System, Southwest Missouri Bank, Pillsbury and other firms in the area have already contributed close to $6,000 to the center, Clem said.

"There is still going to be a live and silent auction," he said. "One of the items in the live auction is an autographed football Joe Montana sent me."

Clem said he hopes this year's fund-raiser will exceed last year's totals.

"Last year we put on an equine seminar," he said. "While that went over well, I don't think it raised enough money."

This year, Clem said, the fund-raiser will feature a barrel race instead.

"For each girl that runs the race, the Children's Center gets between $10-$15," Clem said.

He said he hoped the race would bring in $2,000.

Since opening in May 1997, Olson said the center has seen more than 2,300 children.

During the center's most recent fiscal year, the center saw 712 children.

The Cowboy's for Kids fund-raiser takes place Sept. 20-21 at the Lucky J arena in Carthage.

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Kinesiology department introduces Active Living Program

BY JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

With the help of Robert Sweetgall, Missouri Southern hosted a walk to remember.

The kinesiology department and recreation and wellness program put together the Active Living and the Art of Motivating People to Move activity day on Sept. 12. The day consisted of different seminars, a brown bag lunch and "The Missouri Southern Stride with Robert Sweetgall," which was a walk around the new football turf.

Dr. Pat Lipira, head of the kinesiology department, said there were 115 people on the walk. She felt grateful because University President Julio León led the walk.

Sweetgall, nationally known for walking across the United States seven times, led the activity day.

Robert Sweetgall
Speaker

Lipira said Sweetgall was the keynote speaker at a St. John's Regional Medical Center heart fair, and she thought he would be a "great person" to come in and speak.

"We ran into him and thought he'd be good to have on campus," she said.

"We were real fortunate, we felt like, to have such a quality speaker at Missouri Southern."

The kinesiology department and wellness program split the $1,900 cost of Sweetgall coming to the University. Lipira said "it was worth every penny."

A total of 800 people turned out for the day. Lipira said she was excited to see so many people come out, and she was impressed by all the positive feedback from the crowd. She thought the day was "very motivational" and made an impact on many people's lives.

"I hear kids in class talking about how many steps they've taken," she said.

For the activities, people had the option to buy pedometers, a device worn on the belt that measures footsteps.

Lipira said the sale of pedometers went up greatly after the event with students and faculty wanting them.

While the department does not plan to have Sweetgall back, they do plan to follow up on the event. Lipira said the department is going to start a program within the next few weeks. The program will include incentives for people to keep moving.

Tonya Hooper, junior physical education major, said she was also impressed with the day.

"The activities were a lot of fun," she said. "I think it's great motivation."

Susan Flowers, senior physical education major, said Sweetgall gave "good information promoting physical activity in everyday life."

VIRUS:

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computers to the computer center so the technicians could install current Windows' updates, patches and an anti-virus program.

Other colleges have required the students bring in their PCs, charging up to $60.

"We were planning on $20, and we were going to put in the same virus protection software we use," Earney said.

The computer center placed the patches and an anti-virus program on the Southern Web site for the students who have Windows XP and Windows 2000.

For the students who do not have an Internet connection, the residence hall assistants have a CD with the needed information.

Along with the information on the Web site and on CD, the computer center has purchased two new, more powerful routers for East Hall and in the apartments.

Earney said viruses could come in by e-mail, too.

"Anything that is an attachment on your e-mail," he said. "If it's not a paper you were expecting, you're probably better off just to delete them. Don't even open them."

Those students who do not clean up their computers and keep reinfecting the rest of the computers on the network will be unplugged from the network.

Earney said the computer center would leave a voice mail but also disconnect them from the wiring closet.

Any student who needs help with installing the patches and anti-virus software may call ext. 4444 or go to http://www.mssu.edu/infoserv for information on the installations.

Naoko Onoda/The Chart

April Reeder, sophomore dental hygiene major, and her roommate Sarah Armstrong, sophomore radiology major, check out Missouri Southern's Web site.

PLASMA:

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the risks and benefits of donating plasma," Scoggin said. "Every form has a tape that reads it for the donor, as well. The nurse stops the tape and explains the procedure and answers any questions."

The initial physical lasts 30-45 minutes.

If the donor is not healthy or does not pass the physical examination, including proteins testing and disease testing, they are turned away.

"I don't know of another company which plays tapes in order to ensure people's safety," Lofton said.

Extensive and continual training is needed for staff and phlebotomists.

"Our training is skill-based training," Lofton said.

When a person shows proficiency in skill, they are able to work on the floor with patients.

Once on the floor, the training period is not over.

This period is followed by a series of direct and indirect observations.

"People learn at different rates," Scoggin said.

"We are more strict than industry standards," Lofton said. "From a regulatory standpoint, we go above and beyond to ensure safety."

In November, BioLife Plasma Services will be moving into a new, state of the art facility will be opening across the street from the current location at 3201 McClelland Blvd.

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Exchange student adjusts to campus

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Barb Gombosi enjoys the busy life she lives.

She's taking 12 credit hours, works part time for the athletic department and is also on the tennis team.

But if at any time Gombosi finds herself a little frustrated or a little overwhelmed, she almost always goes back to her personal saying: *Ne skrbi ampak bodi specen.*

It's Slovene.

"Don't worry be happy."

An international student from Slovenia, Gombosi uses her saying often to keep her going and keep her spirits high.

The hardest thing, besides the distance, the expensive calls and the language barrier, is being away from her family.

"It's going to be tough, because I have a really good relationship with my mother and my grandparents on my mom's side," Gombosi said.

Gombosi, a freshman, attended Arkansas State University in spring 2003, but she was never comfortable with the university. She had looked into Southern before, but was too late for admission requirements for the semester.

"I like Southern more than Arkansas State," Gombosi said. "I'm glad I'm here."

The transition has been slow but steady. She took four years of English at her high school, which has helped her communications skills in the United States. It was still difficult, however.

"The slang words are challenging," she said. "It's hard for me to catch the little things."

Jane Posch, women's tennis coach, said Gombosi has made a good impression so far.

"We're really glad to have her," Posch said. "She's a good addition to our team."

Posch said she's not certain where Gombosi will play — doubles or singles. However, she's not too worried about it.

"She fits right in," Posch said. "It's going to be fun having her on the team."

Gombosi said she enjoys America so far. People's attitudes here are a little more considerate.

"The people here are different with how they act," she said. "They try to help if you need it."

Besides tennis, Gombosi is heavily involved with tae kwan do.

And, she's good at it, too.

"My coach wanted me to possibly try out for the Olympic team," she said.

As great of an opportunity as that was, she said her education is more important.

"School now, sports later," she said.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Barb Gombosi laminates telephone lists for the athletic department.

Gombosi has high hopes for the future.

If things go well, she hopes to attain a master's degree in psychology and stay and work in the United States.

"It's not for sure, but we'll see," she said.

"For now, I wish to stay here."

Book club donates to library

BY MELISSA BLANCHARD
Staff Writer

It's reading for a reason.

The Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Spiva Library committee, is launching a new program. Literary Lions is a campus-style book club for alumni, faculty, students and friends. To kick off this program, the group is starting with the book *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë. Dr. Patricia Murphy, assistant professor of English, will moderate this group.

"I volunteered to do it because I felt it would be a good opportunity," Murphy said. "And I was very familiar with the book."

Lee Pound
Alumni Director

For a $25 donation, members receive a Java discount card, a journal and pen, bookmark and snacks at each of the meetings. They also receive a copy of the book to read, and, in turn, the individual copies of the book will be donated back to the Spiva Library.

"This is an indirect way of putting new books into the Spiva Library," said Lee Pound, Alumni director.

"I knew it was going to help out the library," said Bridget Siler-Osen, an alumni of Southern.

The group had its first meeting Sept. 18, where Murphy spoke on important things to look for in the book, character analysis and led intriguing and interesting discussions.

"I am very enthusiastic about this project," Murphy said.

Siler-Osen is looking forward to Literary Lions.

"It's an opportunity to get out of the house and use my brain a little more," she said.

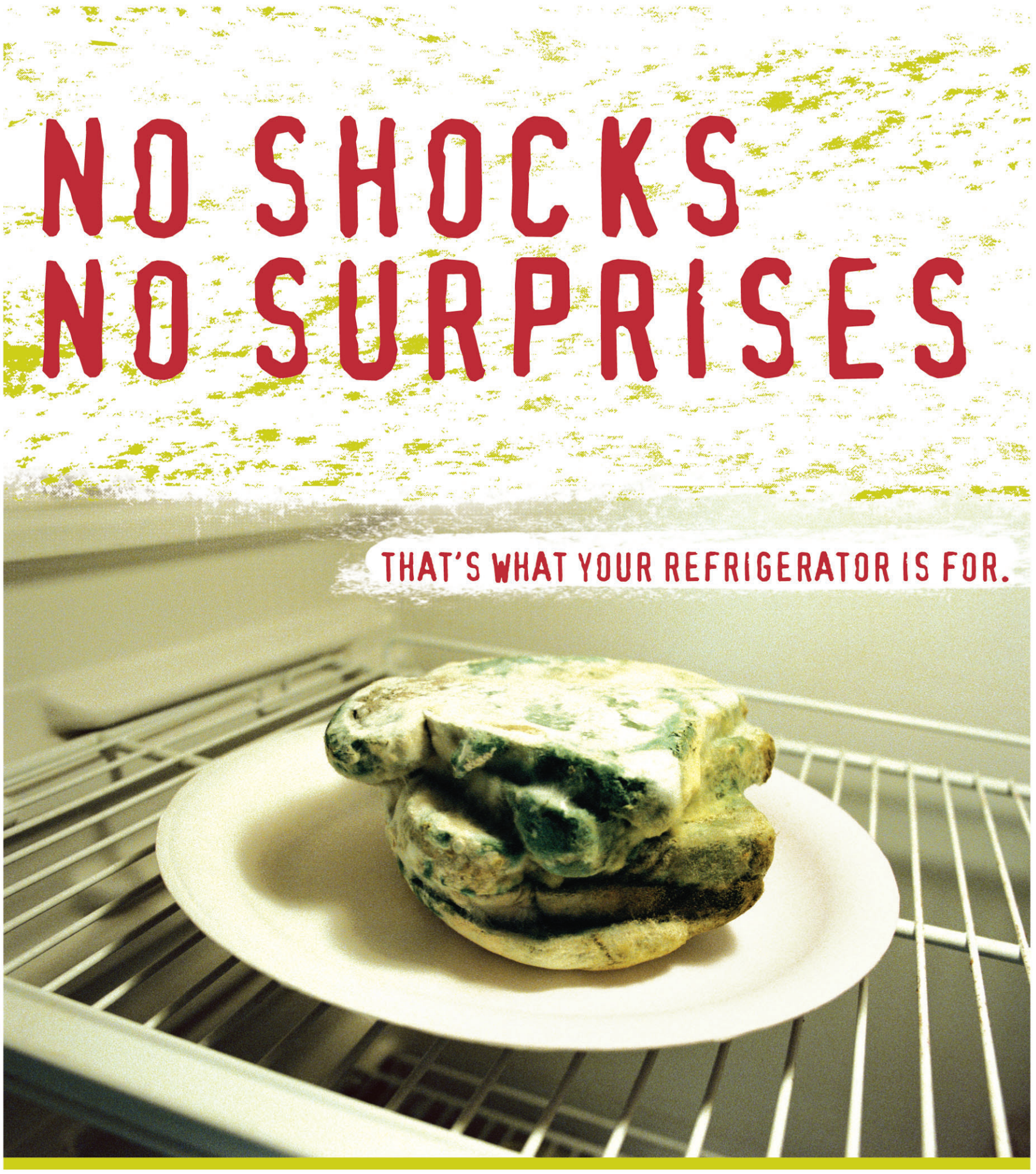
With a 1-year-old, Siler-Osen has little brain stimulation outside of "Blues Clues."

This is an opportunity for barriers between student and faculty to be lowered and also a chance to help the library.

The Literary Lions met in the University Java coffee shop on the bottom floor of Spiva Library. By Oct. 23, the group will have read the book and will have group discussion. A few weeks later on Nov. 6, is movie night. The group will have popcorn and watch the movie Jane Eyre. Then, the members will discuss some of the similarities and variances between the book and the movie.

"We are anticipating 12 at our first meeting," Pound said.

For information about the next book reading, contact the alumni office at 625-9355.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Miners dig up tie against Lions

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

The University of Missouri-Rolla Miners came to Missouri Southern digging for a win, but came up with a tie.

The Missouri Southern Lions faced stiff competition from the Miners, who have only beaten the Lions two times in the past seven meetings. Last season the Lions won, 8-2, at home. Later in the season, the team escaped with a 1-0 overtime win in Rolla. The overall record for the Lions facing the Miners is now 4-2-1. The score was tied after two overtimes, 1-1.

The Lions came off a close game Sept. 12, losing to the University of Nebraska-Omaha, 0-4. The first half score was 1-0 and played mostly on the Lions' side of the field. The Mavericks out shot the Lions 15-2, in the second half and 25-5 overall. Southern entered the contest against UMR at 1-3 on the season.

"It was a tough game, with some real chippy areas and some fouls out there," said Trevor Wachsman, head women's soccer coach.

"We were able to stick with them and fight back."

Wachsman said he thinks the team never gave up trying to shoot the ball into the goal. The Lions out shot the Miners 19-13. The first goal of the game came from Colleen Connors, forward, who was assisted by Danielle Lyman, midfielder, as she crossed and headed the ball into the goal. The shot came during the 51st minute; the second score came off a penalty kick by Tara Reisner in the 81st minute.

"We're playing a new system this year, and the defense is really doing a great job of working with us and working out the kinks," said Amber Phipps, senior midfielder. "I think with time we're going to get it done."

Wachsman said the mistakes he saw on the field were minor mistakes. He said the season is still young, and the team is still getting comfortable as a team.

"There really is no big mistakes out there," he said. "If we could clean some things up, we're fine. I'm happy with the results. It was a well-fought match, and we fought our way back into it."

Wachsman said the way to fix the little mistakes is to work on repetition in practice.

The next game for the Lions will be Sept. 20 in South Dakota against North Dakota State.

Phipps said Wachsman does an "excellent job preparing us for the games."

"Luckily, our bench and the rest of our team really work well together," she said. "We don't get down on each other. Everybody has been really positive."

Wachsman said the team is trying to possess the ball more for future games to make it easier on themselves.

Tennis prepares for ITA regionals

BY DAVID HAUT
Staff Writer

The Lions tennis team scrimmaged Sept. 20 in preparation for their final tournament of the season, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Tournament in Maryville.

The Lions changed the status of the match to a scrimmage because Drury didn't have a full roster. Missouri Southern was supposed to play Southwest Baptist University the same day, but the Bearcats cancelled the week before.

"It was basically just a one on one with Drury," said head coach Jane Posch.

Seniors Sheryl Posch, Kim McMunn and Amy Stredney all won their scrimmage matches. All-conference doubles team Sheryl Posch and junior Lacey McMunn won their doubles match. Sheryl Posch and Kim McMunn went all-conference in singles last year.

Drury defaulted a singles and doubles match giving Missouri Southern two extra wins.

"We've got a great nucleus coming back," said Jane Posch. "This year we have some new kids coming in as well."

Freshman Kristen Meschede and Erin Fritz, new additions this year, will aid an already strong roster.

As for the ITA, Posch hopes to make it to the 16th round.

"The tournament has a 128 draw," Jane Posch said. "It all depends what we draw and where we are seeded."

The tournament also has a 64 draw for doubles matches. This could prove to be a strong category for the Sheryl Posch, Lacey McMunn duo.

"We're working really hard, lifting and practicing getting ready to compete," Lacey McMunn said.

"We'll face teams not only from our conference ... It will be tough competition."

The Lions travel to Maryville on Oct. 3-5 for the tournament.

Times of play have not yet been announced.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Junior forward Adam Skiermont attempts to steal the ball away from a Quincy University midfielder on Sept. 14.

First win remains elusive for Lions

Lions prepare for Central Arkansas

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

The first win of the season still remains elusive for the Missouri Southern men's soccer team.

On Sept. 12, the Lions took on Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and lost 1-5. The one score for Southern came from B.J. Wylie off a free break from 15 yards out in the game's 60th minute with an assist from Adam Skiermont.

Then on Sept. 14, Southern lost its second home game, 1-0, to the Quincy University Hawks. The Lions have lost all four meetings of the two teams starting in 2000.

The Hawks have outscored Southern 11-5.

"We won and lost in the midfield for both teams," said head coach Kiley Cirillo. "They (QU) played solid in both halves; they got a good goal."

Southern had several chances to tie the game, but came up short each time. Cirillo said the team is learning from game to game. He believes the referees missed a lot of calls.

"They missed both ways," he said.

Cirillo said he doesn't blame anyone, and the missed calls by the referees wouldn't have let them win the game. Travis Haight, freshman goalkeeper, said the game was good, and there was only one bad break.

"We all played solid for 90 minutes," Haight said.

The game-winning goal came in the 52nd minute from Josh Worth. The shot was unassisted, but rebounded off the defender. During the first half, Mark Taylor of the Hawks was taken down by what looked like an elbow from Southern.

Taylor's ear was ripped, and he had a slight concussion. He was taken to the hospital for further examination.

The next opponents for the Lions will be Sept. 21 at the University of Central Arkansas. The Lions have faced off against UCA six times and won two of those six games. The last meeting of the two teams was in 2001. The Lions lost, 2-0.

"We need to keep playing hard and break the mental mistakes," Haight said.

Cirillo said the team needs to learn to do "the small things right."

"We've got to keep doing what we've been doing," he said. "We need to keep a positive attitude, and that's hard to do."

Golf team goes for the hole, misses by close shot at tourney

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

The Lions chipped ahead of competition to finish second in the Truman Bulldog Classic.

Geir Askvik shot 148 (74-74) total for the two days and led the golf team. The Lions shot 597 (296-301) total for the two days.

"The tournament went good," said Andrew Koehler, junior pre-medicine major. "A lot of good things came out of the tournament; I think it was a descent showing for our team."

Koehler said the team learned things it will need to work on for future tournaments.

"We found out first that the team shoots well," he said. "As of now we need to concentrate on our short game and getting more affluent with telling the difference between 50 to 60 yards."

Koehler said within 15 yards of the green, the team loses strokes with its chipping and putting.

"We're tuning up a little more," he said.

The team is focusing on practice. Koehler said people think the team goes to the links and plays a couple of rounds. The Lions are now focusing on going to the driving range and practicing its drives and short shots. He said the team has more of a "practice schedule" now.

Koehler shot 151 (76-75) and tied for 14th along with Kort Sonnentag from Winona State University. Askvik placed seventh. Travis Stockholm shot 149 (72-77) and tied for eighth along with Chris McGown from Washburn University and with Brice Garnett from Missouri Western State College.

Junior Andrew Watts shot 156 (75-81) and tied for 25th along with Tyler Phillips who played as an individual from Truman State University.

Junior Danny Sinksen tied for 11th with Craig Fisher from WU and Jason Bertram from TSU shooting 150 (75-75).

The first place team for the tournament was Central Missouri State University, shooting 583 (292-291). Missouri Southern placed first out of four teams during the Norsemen Invitation held at Peoria Ridge Golf Course and sponsored by Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. The Lions shot 594 (298-296) at the tournament.

> *"We found out first that the team shoots well."*
>
> **Andrew Koehler**
> *Junior Pre-Medicine Major*

The next tournament for the Lions is Sept. 29-30 at the Northeastern State Classic in Tahlequah.

Then on Oct. 6-7 Missouri Southern hosts the Southern Fall Classic held at Loma Linda Country Club. The Lions finish out the fall season at the Drury Fall Classic Oct. 13-14.

Student support lost on athletics

An infection has invaded campus in the form of fan support or the lack there of.

In the infinite wisdom of the Campus Activities Board, it has created Gang Green, an organization for students to cheer on their team. The flaw in this wisdom is Gang Green focuses on only football and basketball. Although these are the two main sports that everyone in the community focuses on, there are other sports that don't get a lot of attention.

One of these sports is tennis. The last home tennis match I attended, which was before the inception of Gang Green, there was a handful of students there; in fact I believe there was a grand total of six students who were not athletes attending the match. With Gang Green now in effect, there should be more students at these matches. Will there be more students at these matches? Only time will tell.

I actually overheard a member of Gang Green state that they will not attend the tennis matches because it's a women's team. What?! Sexist are we? Not only do the teams have little fan support, but they are also excluded because of their gender. This has to break some part of Title IX, I'm sure.

Philip Martin
Sports Editor

An example of the apparent problem with Gang Green came Sept. 13. There was a home football game, and Gang Green made their premier to the world that day. The very next day at the home soccer game, there was no one from Gang Green there. Where was everyone? The only students I saw consisted of the women's soccer team and a handful of others who were hanging out with friends and not paying any attention to the game. Where is the cheering section? What is happening here?

Come on people, soccer is free admission. What could possibly be wrong with free admission? We're college students, anything free is good.

Women's soccer had more fan support for the Sept. 16 game, if you count heckling the other team fan support. The heckling didn't seem to bother the other team, and what little cheering there was for our team didn't seem to really drive our team that much.

I thought the whole point behind Gang Green is to bring school spirit to sporting events, but there was no one there Sept. 14 or 16 at the soccer game. The game started at 1 p.m. How long do you have to sleep in to not wake up and cheer on our men's soccer team? How many of you know that we lost, 1-0? How many know that our men's soccer team has a 0-5 record? How many know that we have two new soccer coaches for both men's and women's teams?

Enough about soccer, because there is also a volleyball team which is boasting a record of 7-1. Again, at the Sept. 16 volleyball game there was little fan support. But again the question arises, where were the fans? How many students knew the team had a perfect record?

I would guess not many knew this fact. Why? Because volleyball is not football. Shame on you people. Let's get with the program here guys; there are more sports besides football. The whole idea here is to show up to a sport and support the team. Where is the support for our teams besides football and basketball?

Support all the teams or don't support any, it's as simple as that.

Maybe we should put this to a vote, but knowing this campus, it won't happen.

Philip Martin is the Sports Editor for The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of the entire staff.*

LION STATS

Volleyball

Sept. 16 Results

MSSU				30 30 30
SBU				17 19 20

Football

Sept. 13 Results

MSSU	7	0	3	0	— 10
NSU	0	0	6	9	— 15

First Quarter

MSSU — Proctor 13 yd run (Komen kick,) 00:28

Third Quarter

MSSU— Komen 22 yd field goal, 6:34 NSU — Fulton8 yd run (Ratliff kick failed), 3:00

Fourth Quarter

NSU — Ratliff 24 yd field goal, 12:52 NSU — King 18 yd pass from Mazey (Mazey pass failed), 4:13

Women's Soccer

Sept. 16 Results

MSSU	0	1	0	0 — 1
UMR	0	1	0	0 — 1

MSSU Scoring: Reisner (penalty)

UMR Scoring: Connors (Lyman)

Men's Soccer

Sept. 14 Results

MSSU	0	0	— 0
QU	0	1	— 1

MSSU Scoring: None

QU Scoring: Worth (unassisted)

Tennis

Sept. 13 Results

MSSU 3	DU 4
Singles	
Posch won, 6-3, 6-4	
Lacey McMunn lost, 2-6, 6-1, 1-6	
Gombosi lost, 5-7, 5-7	
McMunn won, 6-1, 6-1	
Stredney lost, 6-0, 4-6, 5-7	
Doubles	
Posch and Lacey McMunn won, 8-3	
Meschede and Gombosi lost, 8-1	

Golf

Sept. 16 Results

School	Score
CMSU	583
MSSU	597
WU	598
WSU	600
TSU	617
MWSC	618
SBU	623
UM-C	633
PSU	672

Southern Schedule

Sept. 20

Men's and Women's Cross Country home

Football home against University of Missouri-Rolla @ 6 p.m.

Men's Soccer @ University of Central Arkansas

Women's Soccer @ North Dakota State

Sept. 21

Women's Soccer @ South Dakota

Sept. 24

Volleyball @ Washburn

Sept. 25

Women's Soccer home against Central Missouri State University @ 7 p.m.

Those who can't play, write... Join *The Chart*

Lions fumble home opener

BY JEREMIAH COOK
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When the Missouri Southern Lions football team stepped onto the field to face off against the Northeastern State Redmen of Tahlequah, Okla. on Saturday, Sept. 13, they were looking for their first win. Southern would open at their 29-yard line, employing a shotgun formation.

"We call that our package and we run our option football out of that," said Bill Cooke, Lions head coach. "We're going to spread the ball vertically and horizontally and try to make you defend the whole football field."

On first and 10, Southern went with the ground attack and picked up seven, setting up second and three from their 36 yard line.

But a sack erased that gain and Southern was forced to punt. NSU positioned on the 43.

Southern dug in and gave up four yards to the Redmen. On the ensuing punt, wide receiver DeMarcus Mathes made a 51 yard punt return, allowing Mothershed and the rest of the Southern offense to set up shop at the NSU 40. However, the offense wasn't able to pick up a first down on third and six from the NSU 36 and was forced to punt.

Darvin Willard, 6-2 senior wide receiver/running back made the save from a touchback.

He kept the ball out of the end zone and sent it to the two-yard line, where the Lions downed it. NSU was then forced to punt and Southern would have the ball and the first down from the NSU 45.

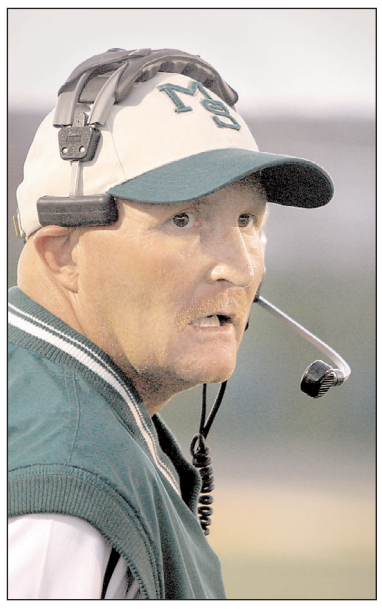
A few plays later, with the Lions facing second and goal from the seven yard line, RB Nate Proctor took it to the end zone, giving Southern the early 7-0 lead after the extra point. Late in the second quarter NSU would attempt a field goal, only to have Southern block it, preserving the 7-0 lead. In the third quarter, with Southern threatening to put six more on the board, Mothershed would be picked off in the end zone, and the Redmen would take over on their own 20.

NSU would go three and out, and after the punt, Southern would pick up a field goal and increase their lead to 10-0. On the ensuing drive, NSU would force its way all the way down to the Lions' nine-yard line before finally taking it in for six, but a failed extra point try left the Lions up 10-6.

The game would continue to be a defensive battle, with the Lions' defense holding NSU to a field goal on the NSU's only threatening drive of the fourth quarter, giving the Lions a 10-9 lead. And then, four minutes left to go in the game, NSU would take their first lead of the game at 15-10. Southern would have another chance, but a costly turnover would end its threat, and the Redmen would hold on to win, 15-10.

"Defensively we improved a little bit," Cooke said. "We improved offensively as well. It may not have appeared that way at times because we didn't make big plays like we did against Bacone, but we're improving every day, and when we put it all together, we'll win a football game."

Southern's next game will be 6 p.m. Saturday Sept. 20 at home against University of Missouri-Rolla.



Senior running back Darvin Willard barely makes a catch, advancing the Lions to a first down (top). Senior wide receiver Chris Turner blocks for junior running back Nate Proctor who attempts to advance the ball (right). Head football coach Bill Cooke watches as the Lions make a play stopping the Redmen from advancing.

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From Idaho to Missouri

Gallagher makes journey to Joplin

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

Standing at 5-11, junior outside hitter Jackie Gallagher leaps into the air, her flaming red hair bouncing from the force of liftoff. Gallagher hangs in the air seconds before hitting the volleyball with an explosion of force.

Gallagher attributes her ability of hanging in the air to lots of practicing. She said she spends spring and summer finding what is wrong with her skills and working on those problems.

"I do a lot of stuff in the summer," Gallagher said. "Summer is full of weight training, cardio and running and playing."

Gallagher said she practices twice a week. Because she practices so much, Gallagher is leading the team in kills with a total of 96.

She averages 4.57 kills a game.

"Jackie is a very good athlete," said Debbie Traywick, head volleyball coach. "She can do all things well. She is a good all around player."

She said Gallagher is "fun to watch." Traywick said the fans enjoy watching her play.

She said one reason Gallagher is a good player is because of her experience playing Division I volleyball.

Gallagher made her journey from Glendale, Ariz., to the University of Idaho for two years before transferring to Missouri Southern in 2002.

Gallagher was red shirted last year because of transfer rules. The NCAA requires that all transfer students from a four-year institution to another four-year institution complete one year of residency before competing. Traywick said Gallagher was unhappy playing at the University of Idaho.

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Jackie Gallagher, junior outside hitter, moved from the University of Idaho to Missouri Southern.

"I think it (the transfer) was an accumulation of things," Traywick said. "She wasn't happy at Idaho playing volleyball, and she had a fiance that came here, so she came here."

Gallagher said one reason she transferred to Southern was because her fiance at the time was attending classes.

She has since broken up with him.

"Coach Traywick had heard that this kid came from Idaho and his girlfriend is also from Idaho," Gallagher said.

"She called me up after Christmas break and offered me a spot as a middle hitter."

She said she changed positions because her and the coach thought she was better suited as an outside hitter.

Traywick said Gallagher can do other things besides hitting the ball well.

"She's also a very good blocker," she said.

Gallagher said the women on the team are her backbone.

"I think it was an accumulation of things. She wasn't happy at Idaho playing volleyball, and she had a fiance that came here, so she came here."

Debbie Traywick
Head Volleyball Coach

Lions' claws tear Bearcats; boost record to 7-1

BY TARA WALKER
Staff Writer

The Bearcats were torn apart by the Lions during a victorious win Sept. 16.

The Missouri Southern volleyball team won all three games with scores of 30-17, 30-19, and 30-20.

This win, which was the first MIAA win, boosted the Lion's record to 7-1, making their only loss to West Florida University during the University of Central Arkansas Challenge. If the Lions keep it up, that could be their only loss of the season.

Lions 3
Bearcats 0

"It's going to be a challenge, but we have a lot of talent," said senior outside hitter Jessica Puszewski.

"It is just making use of all the talent that is there."

Puszewski said the team is "constantly improving" with every game.

"I was happy with aspects of our game, but not with the whole match," said head coach Debbie Traywick.

"I think offensively, we did some good things, but defensively, we are not blocking the ball very well right now.

We need to improve on that as a team, as we go even more into the conference play. Overall though, it was a good match."

The players seemed to agree for the most part.

"I think we were a little quiet and tired, but we kept our intensity for the most part," said junior outside hitter Jackie Gallagher. "We played our game."

"I thought we played well as a team," said junior middle hitter Sara Jaynes. "We have a lot of athletic people on the team, and we are looking forward to a successful season."

The Lions have this weekend off for a little rest and relaxation.

Traywick said there has been a flu bug going around the team and the weekend of rest couldn't come at a better time.

Upcoming games are 7 p.m. Wednesday at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., followed by three consecutive home games at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26. against Emporia State University, Saturday, Sept. 27 against Central Missouri State University, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 against Missouri Western Sate College.